

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-49 (Cancelled)

50. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 67, wherein said composition comprises a mineral oil.

51. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 67, wherein said composition also comprises a viscosity adjusting agent and at least one conditioning agent.

52. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 67, wherein said metal oxide layer consist of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and has a thickness of 40-60 nm.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 67, wherein said metal oxide layer is coated with a dye.

55. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 54, wherein said dye is chosen from the group consisting of iron blue and carmine.

56. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 67 wherein said composition has a pearlescent appearance.

57. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 67, wherein the concentration of pigment assemblies in the composition is direct proportional to the ability of the composition to protect against ultraviolet radiation.

58. (Previously Presented) A method to determine the suitable thickness of the composition according to claim 67 that is to be used to provide desired skin protection against ultraviolet radiation, comprising:

- a) that the composition is applied onto the skin;
- b) that the composition is spread out to a certain thickness on the skin; and
- c) that one visually establishes the thickness that has been applied on the skin and the sun protection that then has been obtained by observing the visible color change on the skin, caused by the pigment assemblies in said composition.

59-66. (Cancelled)

67. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic and/or therapeutic composition for the topical use in the form of an oil, cream, lotion or paste comprising 2-20% by weight of a pigment assembly in the form of a mica core coated with at least one metal oxide layer and wherein the outermost layer of the pigment assembly is a metal oxide layer which is selected ~~chosen~~ from the group consisting of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and a mixture of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3/\text{TiO}_2$  and wherein the thickness of the outermost metal oxide layer is 40-80 nm.